MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Staff
Date: July 21, 2017 Council Meeting
Subject: Minutes – June 16, 2017

Introduction

The draft Minutes of the June 16, 2017 Council meeting were posted to Council’s website at http://www.tcrpc.org/council_meetings.html.

Recommendation

Council should approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2017 Council meeting.

Attachment
Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the pledge of allegiance and requested roll call.

The following members and alternates were present:

Indian River County: Commissioner O’Bryan

Martin County: Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Fielding
Mayor Campo

St. Lucie County: Commissioner Mowery

Palm Beach County: Commissioner Valeche
Mayor Gerwig
Commissioner Katz
Mayor Marino, Alternate
Commissioner Ryan, Alternate

Gubernatorial Appointees: Douglas Bournique
Michael Houston
Tobin Overdorf
Reece Parrish
Steven M. Weaver, Sr.

Ex-Officios: Jennifer Davis, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Vicki Gatanis, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority

Council Staff: Michael Busha
Kim DeLaney
Liz Gulick
Phyllis Castro
Stephanie Heidt
Tom Lanahan
Dana Little

Council Attorney: Keith Davis

The Executive Director announced a quorum is present.
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Smith requested a motion to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mowery moved approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda were: 3A, Financial Report – April 30, 2017; 3B, Minutes – May 19, 2017; 3C, City of Boynton Beach Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 17-1ESR; 3D, Martin County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 17-1ESR; and 3E, Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 17-3ESR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff indicated the Budget/Personnel Committee will be meeting immediately following the meeting.

Staff noted the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) will hold their monthly meetings in concert with the Florida Association of Counties meeting being held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. The FRCA Policy Board meeting will be on June 30th at the Marriott hotel, where Commissioner Mowery will be installed as the president of FRCA.

Staff indicated a timeline of the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) has been provided to each Council member. Staff noted that although the Census will occur in 2020, now is the time for local governments to start planning and becoming involved in the process. Staff stated it is important for local government staff to become engaged in the LUCA process to ensure accuracy of information, because qualifying for federal funding and grant opportunities is calculated using population.

Staff noted the Village of Tequesta, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council were awarded the 2017 Outstanding Infrastructure Award by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. This award is for the work and collaboration on the Village of Tequesta U.S. 1 Master Plan and Complete Streets project.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Chairman Smith asked if Council members will comment on what is going on in their communities during summer.

COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Commissioner Fielding with Martin County indicated there is a project currently underway that will significantly remove the biofouling film that has accumulated on water quality monitoring equipment. He noted that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has an excelling living shorelines program that not only saves the land for the landowner, but provides an opportunity to improve water quality. He encouraged Council members to consider this in their land development rules.
Commissioner Katz with the City of Delray Beach indicated that because their City may be vulnerable, they would like to be on the forefront of dealing with rising waters. He stated they have a task force that has made recommendations on how to deal with this issue and the City is considering some major investments, taking the lead from what is happening in Miami Beach. He indicated that as of this week there is no free parking in the City’s downtown central business district. He stated on the advice of several experts, the City has come to realize there is no such thing as free parking, and he believes this will improve the downtown.

Commissioner Ryan with the City of West Palm Beach indicated the City put on a four-day mobility study planning charrette that included a series of engineers from all disciplines and the public. She noted the kick-off meeting presented data that focused on the Okeechobee Boulevard Corridor, which has a number of issues and complaints from not only the City residents, but those from the Town of Palm Beach and the County as well. She stated the results of the charrette were recommendations to improve the way all commuters move around the corridor.

Mayor Campo with the Town of Sewall’s Point indicated the Governor did not veto the $500,000 in funding that had been allocated toward funding the Town’s septic to sewer project. He stated they are currently planning the next steps of the process.

Commissioner O’Bryan with Indian River County stated in November a company collected 1,500 gallons of water from one of their canals, put it through their patented process in their Michigan plant, and have claimed to have reduced nitrogen and phosphorus to an undetectable level. He stated the next step in the process is to bring in a portable unit that will be placed at the County’s main relief canal, draw out water, put it through the process, and then pump the clean water back into the canal. He noted the process is electromagnetic and does not use chemicals or additives that could cause more problems in the future. He noted the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments will be having their annual barbeque on July 19th. He stated that group is forming a caucus with home rule preservation as the primary focus.

Commissioner Valeche with Palm Beach County indicated there is a special water control district, Pal-Mar, that borders Palm Beach and Martin counties covering land that is owned by both counties, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and the public. He stated at the annual landowners’ meeting there was discussion of developing the land, which is basically swampland. He stated he does not think anything will come of this, but wanted to make everyone aware of what is occurring there. In another part of the county, he indicated GL Homes is proposing a very controversial land swap. He noted in the agricultural reserve there is a requirement that for every acre of land developed, an acre and one half need to be put aside as preservation within the agricultural reserve itself. He stated GL Homes has asked if, because they have received approval to develop some farmland about 20 miles away, they can use that as their preserved land and build more in the agricultural reserve. He also noted the County recently had a budget workshop that showed the County is stretched tight. He indicated in a couple years the County will be capped on the millage rate, and combing that with recent changes in homestead exemptions that will result in a $25 million loss to the County, and a Sheriff’s department budget that is over 50 percent of the ad valorem budget, the County will be seeing tough times for years to come.
Commissioner Fielding indicated the SFWMD has chosen to not pay the taxes on their portion of the Pal-Mar property, so Martin County paid the taxes and has obtained the tax certificates. Commissioner Valeche stated Palm Beach County is considering pursuing litigation with FWC for not paying their tax assessment, noting their argument is they are a state governmental organization and are not obligated to pay taxes.

Councilmember Bourique, Gubernatorial Appointee from Indian River County, stated he is glad the drought is over. He noted his office is housed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture lab in Fort Pierce, which staffs approximately 50 PhDs and 110 laboratory technicians that are working to find a cure for citrus greening. He stated funding for this project is a direct result of Senator Nelson’s hard work and support in Washington as an advocate for our region.

Councilmember Houston, Gubernatorial Appointee from Martin County, indicated the City of Stuart is using a grant from FDOT to provide an on-demand tram service in their downtown, which will have an App to show where the tram is located and call to arrange a pickup. He also noted the City now allows legalized golf carts to be driven in the downtown, which is useful because the downtown is very constrained. Commissioner Katz indicated the City of Delray Beach is also considering allowing golf carts.

Councilmember Parrish, Gubernatorial Appointee from St. Lucie County, stated he has noticed a lot of building activity, which could be a sign the economy is doing fairly well.

Councilmember Overdorf, Gubernatorial Appointee from Martin County, asked for a moment of silence for Gail Cavanaugh, former executive director of the Treasure Coast Builders Association, who passed away on May 4th. He noted at the end of the month Leadership Florida will be celebrating its 35th anniversary at the Breakers in Palm Beach. He encouraged everyone to become a member, stating this group has allowed him to have unique experiences like touching the space shuttle, and going behind the scenes at the White House. He also noted he represents one of the larger landowners to the east of Pal-Mar in a mitigation bank. He offered his assistance for ensuring that those lands will always stay as wetlands and in their natural state.

Mayor Marino from the City of Palm Beach Gardens indicated the City has just picked the architects for the expansion of their city hall, which will bring a lot of efficiencies to the City, such as a medical clinic within walking distance. She reminded everyone the City’s green market is open every Sunday. She also indicated the City is in the midst of doing something with the Gander Mountain building. She stated she is very happy that FDOT will be working on the I-95 and Northlake Boulevard interchange, which will decrease traffic impacts to the businesses there.

Mayor Gerwig with the Village of Wellington stated she will be watching the City of Stuart and how using golf carts for transportation will work. She stated the Village is interested in more community engagement, like that done by Mayor Glickstein in the City of Delray Beach, in order to get community input on issues such as performing arts, expanded park areas, and entertainment districts.
Councilmember Weaver, Gubernatorial Appointee from St. Lucie County, noted the County has just completed a beach renourishment project in which they partnered with Florida Inland Navigation District. He also noted he recently heard of a new virus called the Crypto virus, which is found in swimming pools and is chlorine-resistant. Commissioner Fielding stated this virus is currently inhabiting our waterways and creating toxins.

Vicki Gatanis with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) stated last year the agency received a transit-oriented development grant award from the Federal Transit Administration. She stated the money is being distributed through the South Florida and Treasure Coast regional planning councils to 7 different local governments, including the Cities of Delray Beach and Palm Beach Gardens in our region.

Jennifer Davis with FDEP stated since the last meeting they have welcomed in a new secretary, Noah Valenstein. She noted the FDEP open house is next Wednesday, at which time they will be awarding the Superior Excellence Distinction award and providing information on funding opportunities.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2017 U.S. SENATOR BILL NELSON'S OFFICE**

**MICHELLE OYOLA MCGOVERN, DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH**

Michelle Oyola McGovern, Director of Outreach for Senator Nelson, showed a collage of pictures highlighting some of their recent activities which include meetings with local elected officials; conducting a field hearing on sea level rise; and hosting a tour of the Everglades for South Dakota Senator Thune, who is Chairman of the Commerce Committee. She noted the Senator is the ranking member of the Commerce Committee and sits on the Armed Services, Aging, and Finance committees. She indicated the Senator’s activities this summer will include: voting to confirm Brock Long as the new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administrator; pushing for appointments of administrators for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); consideration of a healthcare bill; reauthorization of the Coast Guard; consideration of raising the debt limit; and consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Ms. McGovern indicated Senator Nelson recently re-introduced a bill called the Everglades for the Next Generation Act, which has legislation being co-sponsored in the House by Representatives Hastings and Diaz-Balart. She stated this will essentially expedite and streamline the process projects must go through between planning and construction. She noted he has also written to the President to speed up the work being done on the Herbert Hoover Dike, and along with Senator Rubio and a bi-partisan group of the congressional delegation, sent an invitation to Interior Secretary Zinke to visit the Florida Everglades. She indicated the Senator has also introduced a bi-partisan bill that will require NOAA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to create a plan to address algal blooms. She stated at the urging of St. Lucie County and members of Council, Senators Nelson and Rubio have co-sponsored a foreign sand bill which will authorize the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to consider both domestic and non domestic sources of sand.

Ms. McGovern stated they are humbled to have been invited to the ceremony for the Crosstown Parkway project. She stated their office has been and will continue to support this project. She
indicated Senator Nelson has written a letter supporting St. Lucie County’s airport expansion project that will receive $1.5 million from the Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration. She stated Senator Nelson is also co-sponsoring a bill called Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act that relates to the opioid crisis. She noted the Senator recently visited scientists at Max Planck and Scripps and is really impressed with and continues to support their research on the opioid epidemic.

With respect to infrastructure, Ms. McGovern indicated Senators Nelson and Rubio co-signed a letter to the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. She stated the President talked a lot about infrastructure on the campaign trail, so Senator Nelson wants to re-emphasize that commitment of support for infrastructure. The letter was sent to the Chairman and Ranking member of the Senate Committee to convey the Senators’ shared support for coastal infrastructure improvement in any prospective water infrastructure bill, and emphasized our tourism-based economy, Everglades Restoration, our ports, and specifically the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Commissioner O’Bryan thanked Ms. McGovern for the update and asked her to convey to the Senator Council’s appreciation for his hard work on these issues. He stated the Senate healthcare bill originally sounded like it was going to be different from the house version. He asked if there have been changes in the Senate on the original bill. Ms. McGovern stated they are using the House bill as a starting point, but she believes it will be more reasonable than what the House passed.

Councilmember Overdorf asked if the Senator is working with any House members on the algal bloom issue. He indicated Congressman Mast has filed a bill that will allow this to be classified as a state of emergency. Ms. McGovern noted the Senator frequently works with members of the House, but she did not know if anything is happening currently with the algal bloom and Congressman Mast. She indicated she would check on this.

Councilmember Bournique stated in the 1970s he was present when they raised the level of Lake Okeechobee to 17 feet. He stated he remembers standing on the dike watching the boils come up and wondering when it would blow. He indicated the levy system around the lake is so important to protect the citizens, and it is getting older and more decomposed every day. Ms. McGovern stated it is unfortunate that work on the dike is not happening fast enough. She noted when funding was first passed, it was predicted the work would get done by 2020. She stated it is obvious they are behind schedule, but work is progressing and the Senator is doing all he can to expedite that work.

Commissioner Fielding stated the dike is essential for safety, but strategically it is not going to be a major salvation for the estuaries. He stated it will be a point of accumulation which will increase the probabilities of evaporation, but it also increases the probabilities of major discharges because we do not have significant ways of conveyance, and the estuaries become the recipients. Ms. McGovern emphasized when it comes to Everglades restoration, Senator Nelson believes that everything we can do to help is what we need to be doing and he will continue to support that in every way possible.

Chairman Smith thanked Ms. McGovern and noted he has made over 30 trips to Washington and only once or twice was he unable to meet with the Senator. He stated the Senator is always gracious with his time and always moves the ball forward for us in so many ways. He noted there was a nine-
county coalition meeting about the lake two weeks ago that addressed construction time. He stated one of the concerns is Palm Beach County getting their National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) accreditation, because the dike is not fixed. He stated the focus needs to be on the section between the Cities of Pahokee and Lake Port, because that will alleviate the accreditation issue for Palm Beach County and Hendry County on the west side. Ms. McGovern stated they remain in touch with FEMA and the ACOE to make sure the moment the dike can be certified it will get done. Chairman Smith asked if Ms. McGovern has any information on the bills that have been filed with respect to the continuation of NFIP. She indicated she does not have any details about this, but noted Senator Nelson is one of two current senators who are former insurance commissioners. She stated he will stay closely involved.

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
TEN-YEAR POWER PLANT SITE PLAN 2017-2026

Staff summarized the Florida Power and Light (FPL) Ten Year Power Plant Site plan, noting every year utilities are required to update their ten-year plans for meeting electricity demands and submit that to the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). Staff indicated in its current plan, which covers 2017-2026, FPL is projecting a 10.6 percent growth in demand. FPL is working on a major photovoltaic (PV) solar push and has identified 8 of their 11 new sites as PV solar sites. Staff noted significant actions that will be taking place over the next 10 years are: adding 2,086 megawatts (MW) of solar; adding 2,913 MW of natural gas; and retiring or shutting down 966 MW of coal generation. Staff indicated the plan shows two PV preferred sites in Indian River County, and one in St. Lucie County. Staff also provided information with respect to fuel blend currently and in the year 2026. Staff noted they are encouraged that FPL plans to triple their solar production, because this responds to a desire for more renewable energy and fuel source diversity. Staff recommended approval of the draft report and its transmission to the FPSC.

Commissioner O’Bryan noted the presentation shows the Okeechobee Clean Energy Center as expanding by 1,750 MW from original plans, and Indian River County is already concerned with the amount of groundwater they will use for cooling.

Councilman Overdorf asked for an update on the acquisition of the Vero Beach power plant. Staff indicated this was not covered in the ten-year plan. Commissioner O’Bryan stated the plant has been dismantled so there is no power generation related to that facility. Stephanie Mitrione, External Affairs Manager for FPL, stated they expect to present a contract for a full sale on the Vero Beach power plant. Ms. Mitrione also clarified that there is no planned expansion to the construction currently underway at the Okeechobee Clean Energy Center, which will come online in 2019.

Councilmember Overdorf asked for clarification on the definition of purchased power. Ilan Kaufer, Environmental Services Project Manager with FPL, stated with respect to Purchase Power Agreements they do not have wholesale information on what sources they are coming from and what tons of emissions they are making. He offered to follow-up on this.

Mayor Gerwig asked if any of the solar investment is being offset by Federal grants. Mr. Kaufer stated he is not aware of any federal investments in the projects, but offered to get back to her. Mayor Gerwig asked if individuals that have installed their own power and are then selling it back
to FPL would be indicated in the purchased power numbers. Mr. Kaufer stated he believes it is included, because that is part of the net metering program. Staff confirmed individual power generation is included in the purchased category in the presentation.

Councilmember Parrish asked if emergency services, such as fire and medical, for the new proposed facilities are provided by FPL. Ms. Mitrione indicated those types of contracts are negotiated through counties, for example the Okeechobee center will be serviced by both Indian River County and Okeechobee County emergency services. Councilmember Parrish asked if that included any physical fire stations. Commissioner O’Bryan stated Indian River County is working with Okeechobee County, because the property is accessed through Indian River County. He indicated Okeechobee emergency services will be the primary response, and Indian River County will service as assisted response, because they may be able to respond more quickly. He stated they do not have funding to build a fire station, but have received money for training.

Mayor Marino asked if FPL would like any additions, deletions or corrections made to the draft staff report. Ms. Mitrione indicated there are none at this time.

Commissioner Katz asked for a breakdown for other fossil fuels and cleaner natural gas to be able to see the difference between what is actually being implemented. Staff indicated that can be broken out in the future, noting in 2017 the natural gas piece is 71.2 percent and in 2026 it is 70.7 percent. Ms. Mitrione noted that the Florida Southeast Connection pipeline, which comes down into the Martin County power plant, came online earlier this week, so there are now 3 sources of natural gas coming into the State of Florida. Commissioner O’Bryan stated they are excited FPL is constructing two solar plants in Indian River County, and he invited everyone to the ceremonial first panel installation on July 10th.

Drew Martin, on behalf of the Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group, stated while he is happy to see more solar, it is still an extremely small amount for a place called the Sunshine State. He stated his group would also like to see more opportunities for citizens to install solar on their homes, and although they are happy to see an amendment for this pass, they are disappointed the utilities opposed the amendment. He stated even though our President has backed out of the Paris Agreement, most of the world agrees that we are experiencing climate change and we need to move forward quickly with development of alternative fuels. He stated the Sierra Club is also concerned about the Sabal Trail pipeline, because they do not believe that natural gas is much of an improvement as an alternative fuel source. He stated there is a lot of venting of methane and water contamination associated with the fracking process, so they would like to see FPL move much more quickly with solar, and they would like to see solar as 50 percent, not 4 percent of the fuel mix.

Commissioner O’Bryan moved approval of the staff report. Commissioner Katz seconded the  motion, which carried unanimously.

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CHARRETTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Staff indicated this agenda item is seeking Council approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Delray Beach for one of the seven South Florida Transit-Oriented Development (SFTOD)
projects being completed under the SFRTA grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Staff stated the interlocal agreement will be for $141,000 of the grant funding, which will be matched with $100,000 in City funding. Staff noted the additional 6 interlocal agreements will be on future agendas, with the deadline for the grant work to be completed in the fall of 2018.

Commissioner O’Bryan moved approval of the staff recommendation to execute the interlocal agreement with the City of Delray Beach. Commissioner Fielding seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff provided an update to the annual work program which contains several legacy programs of visioning and community planning; technical assistance; Brownfields assessment, cleanup and loan program; transportation and land use planning; emergency preparedness and planning; and economic development. Staff noted there have been significant additions to the program originally presented in October, which include: development of a regional coalition and advocacy for protection and restoration of the southeast Florida nearshore reef system that will involve supporting the Coral Reef Task Force; working with the Coastal Ocean Forum initiated by Representative Jacobs to address the spread of disease in our reef system, discharges into the ocean, and better management of our coral reef systems; a finding of necessity study for the Village of Palm Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA); work on station areas plans associated with the SFTOD project; a visioning summit for the 45th Street Corridor in Palm Beach County; work with the Martin County CRAs to help grow their programs; coordination of the U.S. Highway 27 Corridor initiative; complete streets regional highway workshops; a continuing services agreement with the City of Sebastian to assist with a re-write of their Recreation and Open Space Element; a Boca Raton/Florida Atlantic University district charrette; public outreach and web-based survey development for the Martin County Golf Course; and facilitating a regional transportation symposium in Palm Beach County.

Commissioner Ryan stated that although the infrastructure bill is stalled at the Federal level, she suggested there may be some funding opportunities with respect to TOD as it relates to the Veteran’s Administration, which is located on the 45th Street corridor.

FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Staff provided an overview of the FRCA, which is an alliance of the state’s 10 regional planning councils (RPCs) that serve to enhance regional prosperity throughout the state. RPCs are multi-purpose entities that provide assistance to local governments to solve problems and help them grow while advancing their missions. Staff noted RPCs were originally developed because many of the regions in the state were having difficulties with securing federal funds. Staff explained funding for things such as water, sewer, planning, and housing were going to larger cities and well-established states, so RPCs brought local governments together in order to have the strength of numbers. Staff stated the primary focus areas of RPCs are economic development, transportation, emergency preparedness, quality of life, and regional convening. Staff noted since the legislature and elected officials are always changing, it is also the job of the RPCs to educate the local governments. Staff noted during the last year FRCA has been undergoing a rebranding that includes a new website,
logo, newsletter, and mission statement. Staff also noted FRCA works closely with the Florida League of Cities and Association of Counties on issues that affect all local governments.

Chairman Smith suggested people do not understand all the effort and energy Council puts in to benefit the region. He stated FRCA provides each RPC the opportunity to work together on issues that have larger than regional or statewide impacts, such as the U.S. Highway 27 Corridor project and saving our coral reef systems. He stated we all need things for our respective communities, but working together at the regional and state levels can be much more effective.

Commissioner Katz indicated the City will know today if they will be awarded the All-American City designation for the third time. He stated they will be the first city in Florida to win the award that many times.

Commissioner Fielding stated a lot of research is showing that base compounds in the weed killer Roundup are contributing to the destruction of our reefs.

Commissioner Mowery reported that Councilmember Davis was not able to make the meeting today because he is in the hospital. He asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Martin thanked Commissioner Fielding for his comments on the reef system, which is being devastated worldwide, noting Roundup may also be contributing to issues with seagrass. He stated that regardless of what happens in Washington DC, Florida needs to begin to seriously worry about climate change, because it is impacting our reefs. He indicated he attended an Oceans Forum presentation by the Nature Conservancy that showed the value of the reefs off Palm Beach County are particularly significant, because of their huge economic value. He noted another thing that is damaging the reefs is the use of sunscreen. He stated he also attended the mobility conference in West Palm Beach and felt it was well done. He stated there was talk about public transportation and getting people out of their cars, but it was limited to I-95 and downtown West Palm Beach. He stated what we need to look at is some sort of trolley system that will run all the way out to the Village of Royal Palm Beach, because there really is no east/west public transportation. He also noted there was an interesting proposal to have air-conditioned train stations for the public to encourage more use of public transportation.

STAFF COMMENT

Staff reminded the Budget/Personnel Committee members to remain after the meeting to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Staff indicated the budget will be presented to the entire Council for approval at the July 21st meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Commissioner O’Bryan reminded all elected officials to file their Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests. He noted in Indian River County there was some confusion because several members received notices that they needed to file Form 1. He stated they asked the
Florida Commission on Ethics for clarification, and they stated if you are an elected official you need to file only Form 6. However, appointed members to Council will need to file Form 1. Chairman Smith reminded everyone to check the ethics training box if they have completed the ethics training. He also noted the deadline to file the forms is July 1st. Mayor Gerwig also cautioned everyone to make sure they indicate if they are using thresholds or percentages.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary or a designated nominee of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and that the information provided herein is the true and correct Minutes of the June 16, 2017 meeting.

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Date     Signature